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GRAIN GRAFT AT CITY STABLES

Who Conspired With Negro Driver the Present and Pertinent Question.

NO WHITEWASH ON HAND

Stock of This Commodity Exhausted, According to Street Committee Member.

No meeting of the Street Committee has as yet been called to investigate the grain graft at the city stables. Chairman Adams saying yesterday that the matter was in the hands of the police department, and that it would probably not be desirable for the committee to take action until the return of the Commonwealth's Attorney and the City Attorney, both of whom are now on vacation. The committee, it is held, has not the power to summon witnesses and compel their attendance, or the production of books and papers, without express authority from the Council.

Meanwhile the police department is going ahead with its investigation, and the trial of the negro driver, Jim Robertson, is set for September 2. A special grand jury may be impaneled immediately thereafter if the developments seem to justify the move.

Driver's Case Postponed.
The driver, Robertson, was in the Police Court yesterday morning, but his case was continued for ten days at the request of the prosecution. He was bailed by his wife, Pattie Robertson, in the sum of \$300.

Robertson has been arrested on two warrants, one sworn out after some delay by Edward Alvey, of the firm of Alvey Brothers, grain contractors, charging the "larceny of \$3 worth of oats; while a second charge, preferred by the city department, is of more serious consequence, if proved, is of "conspiracy to defraud the city government." Since one cannot conspire with himself to defraud any one, the detective department must have some other party or parties under suspicion of being implicated in the affair.

As to the first charge, the evidence of the city's representatives will go far to clear the driver, since it does not appear that there was any actual pilfering of oats from the twenty-two bags loaded in the car, all of which were delivered at the stables. The real charge is that by weighing in paving stones at the city scales, which were afterwards thrown off, the city was charged with 190 pounds of oats which it did not receive, though how the negro driver profited by the transaction has not been clearly shown. The whole fact is that the negro's alleged confession to the detectives on Saturday morning, the exact gist of which has not been made public, implicates some other party or parties, for whom a warrant was issued by the police department.

The police department is making inquiries to substantiate details of the negro's story, with a view of strengthening his testimony and establishing its real value. For it must be admitted that the negro is being held more as a witness than as a defendant. His story came to a show-down before a jury of his testimony against that of some better known citizen, perhaps, with some influence at his back.

Whitewash Stock Exhausted.
Chairman Adams and several members of the Street Committee were present in Police Court yesterday morning and have been in close consultation with the authorities, though no statement has as yet been given out for publication. The Street Committee is believed to be in earnest in its effort to get to the root of the matter, and will not allow, according to members seen last night, any political or other consideration to stand in the way of bringing the real offenders to justice, be the results what they may.

"The stock of whitewash is exhausted," was the significant comment of one member of the Street Committee last night, from which it may be inferred that there is no desire to gloss over the apparent attempt at systematic fraud, which seems to have been practiced on the city, and which may have affected others as well.

Suit Instituted.
Suit was brought yesterday in the Law and Equity Court by the Pittsburg Clay Pot Company against the Blair Glass Works, Incorporated, for \$25,000. According to the papers filed, the action is for freight on a carload of forms shipped on August 25, 1908, with bill of lading and sight draft attached, which draft was not honored, and the car returned, the freight falling on the sender.

Mr. Wilton III.
Sidney Wilton, a popular young city salesman, lies at his home, No. 312-1/2 South Third street, with typhoid fever. Mr. Wilton passed the crisis all right a few days ago, but has suffered a relapse. His friends entertain grave fears concerning his condition.

Now and then some disgraced damsel remarks to her secret admirer, "Why, the Smith family came up here two hours ago. I seen 'em when they came, and they're in there yet, no wonder we can't get in, if folks are going to stay in there and see it three times. Once in a while a few will leave, vowing to come earlier next time. Yet, the majority are faithful, as a majority should be in such a pure democracy, and in the sweet bye and bye they are rewarded by pictures of thrilling, hairbreadth escapes, and new turnings of the jokes which Noah told to the Ark cops."

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GIVEN ORDERS TO MOVE FROM HOME

Wife of Foreigner, Held for Theft, Must Go to City Home Hospital.

CANNOT PAY HER RENT

Associated Charities Takes Care of Family from Time of Soukowski's Arrest.

Since August 8, when Stephen Soukowski, of 118 North Eighteenth Street, was sent on to the grand jury by Squire James T. Lewis, of the Henrico county magistrate's court, conditions at the prisoner's home have become more and more appalling, and but for aid rendered by the Associated Charities, there is no telling what misfortune might have befallen a wife and two small children.

The climax came yesterday, when Mrs. Helen Soukowski, the wife and mother, with Taty, two years old, in her arms, and Arthur, three years old, trotting at her heels, reported to her benefactors that she had been given moving orders, and could no longer occupy the humble quarters on which the husband had paid a month's rent in advance, before he was taken to jail.

Mother Begged Board.
It was with great difficulty that the woman made herself understood, but in very poor English, between sobs, she thanked Dr. Buchanan for the help he had given her, and begged her to find a home for her children, and herself, as children, promising that her husband, some day, would make good the expense. Records at the institution show that every other day since the father left the woman has been furnished food, and besides these supplies she claims not to have had a morsel.

Broken down in spirit and body, Mrs. Soukowski told of physical sufferings, and asked that she be furnished the care of a physician. Before the father left much of the furniture in the home had been sold, but fortunately, he had left enough clothes to supply his family. "I am willing to work," said the woman, after an interpreter came, "but my children are too small to subsist on the food of the people of Poland. At the time of the husband's arrest for stealing chickens he was out of work."

Going to City Home.
To-day Mrs. Soukowski will become an inmate of the City Home hospital, and the children will be entered as wards of the Juvenile Protective Association of Virginia. A neighbor, one of the woman's friends, has consented to nurse her through any illness.

In speaking of the case, Dr. Buchanan said: "This is one of the saddest we have ever had. I don't know what the father's offense is, but I do know that no suffering he might undergo can equal the undue punishment that is being inflicted upon this mother and her two children."

Father's Alleged Crime.
Soukowski's alleged crime was that of stealing a number of chickens from W. W. Chennault, on the Nine-Mile Road, in Henrico county. At the preliminary trial the Pole admitted having taken the chickens, but claimed through an interpreter, that he went into the country to seek food for his family and saw the fowls up a tree. He explains that he did not know he was committing any crime. It was understood then, it is said, that the driver profited by the transaction, and was forced to extreme measures.

Sheriff L. H. Kemp notified the Associated Charities of conditions, and was mainly instrumental in securing aid for the wife and children. The Charities took up the case on October 4, when indictments will be drawn, and it may be some days after that before the foreigner is brought to trial. Meanwhile his family will be cared for, and what furniture there is left will be stored away for safekeeping.

MAYOR ROOTS AS BATKINS HITS 'EM

Councilman Smashes Out a Home Run in Practice Game at Park.

The practice of the Richmond municipal team yesterday afternoon at Byrd Park was snappy, and showed great individual and team improvement. The root as the name implies, was much from now on. It did yesterday, the Baltimore scamp will be seen hanging at the belt of the Powhatsuns.

Mayor Richardson and City Engineer Bolling both came out to see the good work. They were joined by the fine form in which they found the team. Committee Clerk McDowell umpired the game between the two picked nines very ably, and will be called upon to act in this capacity often again.

Jackie was a biffer with the bat, and knocked a home-run the first time up, taking his own good time in getting around the bases, stopping to "kid" each of the basemen as he went by. In the box he was a veritable Cy Young, Richardson on first was good shape, and he younger Sons, Cutchers, the Tuckers, put up some classy work out in the diamond.

Several of the players were in uniform, and revealed the fact that all Aldermen and City Councilmen are not as they seem, but to some measure, are creatures of the game. There is some suggestion on the part of the Baltimore nine to postpone the game for a week or so, the obvious reason being the stiffness they will suffer after the game with Philadelphia to-day, but the local authorities are doing everything possible to have September 1 as the date. All preparations have been made for that day, and it is felt that a greater interest will be taken in the game if played as originally set.

The practice will take place at Broad Street Park to-day at 5. Everybody out.

Says He Took \$1.
On complaint of Mary Morton, Otis Curtis, colored, was arrested last night, charged with stealing from her \$1 in money. He was locked up in the Second Station, and will be tried before Justice Crutchfield this morning.

THE CURTIS CHILDREN



OH, YOU KIDS! COURT TAKES PART IN FAMILY ROW

Twenty-Two of Them in One Family, Yet Baby Show Judge Is Bachelor.

At a committee meeting of the Virginia State Fair Association held yesterday the question of having a baby show at the coming exhibition, the first week in October, was discussed. Manager Mark R. Lloyd stated that he had received communications from several manufacturers of baby foods, offering to make donations of large quantities of their wares to be given away as prizes in the different classes if a show is to be held.

Mr. Lloyd also read a letter from a man named Shephard, in the Western part of the State, who desires to bring his "flock" of children to the fair. The letter read in part: "Last year I won the prize at our county fair by showing up with my wife and nineteen kids, but since then my wife has presented me with triplets, and if they can stand the journey, will bring them along to Richmond. If you don't have any prizes, please send me twenty-four railroad tickets, and I will come anyway."

At the bottom of the letter was appended a postscript, as follows: "I hope you won't give silk hats as prizes. I won one last year, and have no use for it. I need lots of hat-racks in my house, and such a prize would be welcome."

To Gather Data.
The matter was discussed at some length, and Leigh R. Paige was appointed a committee of one to gather data on the subject, and if it is found that sufficient interest is shown, prizes will be arranged for and entries opened. There would, of course, be special prizes for twins, triplets, quadruplets, and so on, and age, sex, weight, height, appearance, disposition and precocity would all be taken into consideration. Several prominent persons were suggested as judges, and by a singular coincidence the one who was probably best selected as presiding judge is a bachelor.

CAPTAIN WILLIAMS A CALLER

Member of House Responsible for Election of Prisoners Will Come Back.

Captain J. W. Williams, member of the House of Delegates from Southampton county, who has just been elected to the position of Sheriff, over strong opposition, was a caller at the Capitol yesterday. Captain Williams served as sheriff of his county for many years, having later been the balliff of the State Corporation Commission. During his service in the House Captain Williams has devoted much of his attention to the question of prison reform, having been the patron of the amendment to the Throckmorton bill, which requires death punishment in the State to be inflicted by electrocution instead of by hanging. Captain Williams will be easily re-elected, his county is overwhelmingly Democratic.

Took Clothes and Pawned Them.

Lucy Smith, colored, was arrested at the First Station last night, charged with stealing clothes to the value of \$25 from Henry Williams and pawning them at one of the Broad Street shops. She confessed pawning the clothes, but Williams, this latter denied, saying that he had known her several years, but that she had no reason to make away with his clothes.

Mr. Anthony Out.

James Anthony, who recently underwent a serious operation at the Memorial Hospital, was able to be out on Tuesday. He was accompanied by his wife, who demonstrated his popularity by the close run he made for City Sergeant at the June primary, was warmly greeted by friends upon his recovery.

FLASHED BOGUS CHECKS AND TOOK TO HIS HEELS

Members of the police force are looking for a negro who attempted yesterday morning to pass a forged check on the Grand Fountain Bank. The paper bore the signature of A. Hayes, and was drawn for the sum of \$60. Hayes, the colored undertaker, said that he did not sign the check. When it was presented to the cashier he was doubtful and began to question the negro, who ran off the first few questions were fired at him. He was caught by an employee of the bank, but got away after a scuffle. He has not been seen since.

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TO CALL MEETING IN NEXT TEN DAYS

Chairman Ellyson Waiting Only for Full Assurance of Quorum.

KOINER BECOMES RESTLESS

Appeal from Commissioner's Headquarters Asks for Speedy Settlement.

Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson stated last night that as chairman of the State Democratic Committee, he would issue a call for a meeting of that body, to be held here within the next ten days, to open, tabulate and declare the returns from the recent State primary.

Although the chairman has not definitely determined upon the date of the meeting, it is probable that it will take place during the first week in September, probably on the first or second day of the month.

Since the use of proxies has been discarded by the committee, the chairman realizes the difficulties which are likely to arise as the result from the lack of a quorum, and for this reason he wants to make sure that he will be able to secure a quorum before he issues the call. Many of the members of the committee are lawyers, and at this particular season, when the courts are out of session, they are taking their vacations. The committee, however, will certainly be here within the next ten days, after which time all those now interested in official results will be thoroughly informed.

The following statement was issued from Commissioner of Agriculture George W. Kolner's headquarters yesterday, concerning the delay in receiving the official returns, which is self-explanatory.

"While Mr. Kolner is assured of his renomination by a safe majority, the anxiety on the part of the public and voters to know the official vote for Commissioner of Agriculture is not without natural cause, as well as the other candidates, may begin their canvass for the Democratic ticket. Mr. Kolner has carried about four-fifths of the counties of the State; the country districts stood by him, and have given him a safe majority."

BAD ON SPEAKEASY

Wiley Downe, Fined \$100—Two Other Cases Postponed.

Wiley Downe, colored, charged with selling liquor from bottles which he carried around with him Sunday, was fined \$100 in the Police Court yesterday. He was sent to jail for 10 days, and was required to give security in the sum of \$500 for one year.

The case of Louvenia Nash, charged with selling liquor without a license, was continued to Thursday. She was bailed in the sum of \$500.

James Jordan, colored, charged with selling intoxicating beverages without a license on Sunday, was brought before Justice Crutchfield, and had his case continued until Friday.

Alexander Wilson, colored, charged with stealing of head of cabbage, a lot of corn, and one muskmelon from George Fletcher, was required to give \$100 security for thirty days.

George Dixon, for interfering with Police, Jordan, to get the discharge of his duty, was fined \$5 and had to give security of \$100 for ten days.

William Fife, disorderly and fighting, was fined \$5 and gave security of \$100 for ten days.

Robert Green, John Holmes, Tom James, Charles James, William Christian, John Allen, Alexander Sydnor and Mat Payne, all colored, on the charge of gaming and disorder at 917 North Nineteenth Street, were fined \$5 each and required to give security of \$100 for ten days.

Murray Case Continued.

The case of Alexander Murray, charged with breaking in the house of Jennie Watts and taking \$15 in United States and English currency, was called before Magistrate Lewis yesterday morning and continued to September 2. Both Murray and the woman work on the farm of Langhorne Putney on the Dumbarton Road.

GRANT APPEAL IN WESTFELDT CASE

Federal Court Allows Plea in North Carolina Mining Litigation.

Judge Goff's decision, granting G. R. Westfeldt an appeal to the United States Supreme Court in the celebrated case against the North Carolina Mining Company, was filed yesterday by the clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals refused to allow a hearing of the case on appeal from the District Court of North Carolina, holding that the litigation had been started in a State court.

Affecting the possession of lands in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, the case is a very interesting and important one. The Westfeldt estate claims the property, which has been in the possession of the mining corporation for a number of years. The evidence taken shows that a generation ago a Westfeldt went to North Carolina and got hold of large tracts of mineral and lumber lands. He worked his find for a while, but finally left the State.

Then came the North Carolina Mining Company, and set up a claim for the tracts, and established plants. The Westfeldts claimed the property, after a long time, and went to the State court. The company took the case to the United States court, after it had been docketed, and Judge Pritchard ruled in favor of the defendant, Westfeldt appealed, but a hearing was denied by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Goff ruled that there was doubt as to procedure, and granted an appeal in order to allow the Supreme Court to settle the question. The record will be immediately prepared.

CAN'T TEST COAL BECAUSE OF COST

Subcommittee on Light So Reports in View of City Attorney's Opinion.

Under the ruling of Assistant City Attorney Anderson, in a written opinion, the subcommittee from the Committee on Light, to which was referred bids for coal for the Gas Works, found itself powerless to act last night, and the papers were returned to the Committee on Light with the statement that the committee had no funds with which to have tests made of the coal offered by the various bidders.

Three bidders entered the competition for supplying the Gas Works with coal for one year from September 1, the estimated amount to be used exceeding in value \$100,000, making the contract a desirable one. The subcommittee, which opened and tabulated the bids recommended the award to the lowest bidder, the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency Company. In the full committee Councilman Rogers secured a recommendation with instructions to the subcommittee to make service tests of not less than five cars of coal from each bidder, with a view of ascertaining the value of the various grades of coal for gas production.

Cannot Incur Expenses.
Colonel Anderson, who is acting City Attorney, ruled that the subcommittee had no authority under the resolution to incur any expense, and that under the specifications furnished by Superintendent Knowles to the bidders the coal must merely come up to certain specified requirements, no provision being made for competitive tests, or for payment for excess of certain gas-making qualities in the specification.

Colonel Anderson held that the lowest bidder might claim the contract, even after tests, provided that his coal came up to the requirements of the specifications. Mr. Rogers moved that the committee be asked to set apart \$2,500 from the coal fund for a test of five cars of coal from each bidder, a total of 1,250 tons, arguing that the coal would be used for gas-making even during the tests, and would not be wasted. Mr. Powers held that it would mean a practical waste of the \$2,500, merely to ascertain whether the coal could save a lesser amount. He moved that the whole matter be referred back to the general Committee on Light, with the report that there were no funds available for tests. This was adopted by a vote of 3 to 1.

SHOT THREE TIMES

Charlie White, Alleged Thief, Being Held in Henrico Jail.

Charles White, colored, charged with having broken into the cornhouse of A. J. Atkinson, of Powhatan county, last Friday night is now being held for safekeeping in the Henrico county jail. Before he was captured White was shot in three places, and is now in a dangerous condition, though Dr. W. A. Deas, the county physician, thinks he will recover. There is one wound in his right arm, and two others in his back. As soon as he is able to make the trip he will be sent to Powhatan for trial, and if convicted will be returned to the penitentiary to serve a term for housebreaking and larceny for violating his parole. The Powhatan officers are now trying to round up other negroes suspected of being implicated with White.

CAPTAIN WILSON RETURNS

Regrets Defeat of Withers, but Believes Legislature Will Still Help Roads.

Captain P. S. Wilson, Henrico State Highway Commissioner, has returned to the city from Mississippi, where he went to attend the funeral of a relative. He spent yesterday in his office at the Capitol arranging his affairs, so as to be able to go out into the rural sections in a few days in connection with some important road work. Captain Wilson feels keenly the defeat of Robert W. Withers, of Suffolk, for re-nomination to the House, inasmuch as Mr. Withers has been and is now one of the ablest leaders of the good roads movement in the State. He believes, however, in view of the widespread sentiment in favor of good roads throughout the State, that the coming Legislature will not turn a deaf ear to the needs of his department.

Morgan Went to Jail.

C. W. Morgan, a young white man, was fined \$250 and sent to jail in default before Magistrate Lewis at Henrico Courthouse yesterday morning. Morgan was arrested early Sunday morning trying to beat a ride to Washington on a Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac train.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to William E. Hetzer and Mamie H. Shrewbridge, Henry C. White and Charlotte R. Benedict, and to George Conway and Bettie Elizabeth Taylor.

QUEER SIGHTS IN THIS WAITING LINE

Men, Women and Children Stand for Hours to Enter Picture Theatre.

The Gay White Way of Richmond has a new feature. The saunterer down Broad Street will soon see something that will remind him of the bread line in New York or the music-loving but penurious single file who for hours stand outside of Symphony Hall in Boston, in order to sit in the top gallery and hear a favorite virtuoso or a beloved, long-maned tenor.

It is the line outside the summer theatres on the sidewalk, who, for many minutes, await the benignant nod of the uniformed ticket-taker before they can enjoy the whirling moving pictures and hear a blatant soubrette or a coquettish peroxide princess sing. The line outside the picture theatres brought this nighty file into being, and the lobbies are no longer crowded, while the young attendants in full regalia and pomp pose, for the sweet young things who do not know that there is a third estate in uniforms and brass buttons.

A varicolored, varied, variegated throng it surely is, likewise, variegated. The fragrance of blended cigarette smoke, talcum powder, beer and the strenuous essence of violets greet the nostrils of the members of this motley file.

All ages and conditions are there. Gerald, whose name was plain Bill before he came to "town," and read Laura Jean Libbey, is there in an ice cream suit, with pockets that button up, and a green near-silk handkerchief sprouting stiffly up out of his vestpocket, reaching almost to his oiled and carefully trained curly locks. Behind him is a tired father, with two clamorous offspring, and behind him is the mother, with the baby in the carriage. Romeo and Juliet are represented in many retentions, from the timorous lad and the fluffy little girl to the stout lady with the gorgeous basket hat and her friend, the traveling gentleman.

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TO ATTEND RALLY FOR GOOD ROADS

Many Richmond Automobiles Will Make Run to Charlottesville Saturday.

Automobilists of Richmond are planning to attend the good roads rally in Charlottesville on Saturday in large numbers. The Richmond Automobile Association has announced this as the date of its first annual tour, and a large number of cars will make the run from Richmond to Charlottesville and return.

President R. Angus Nichols, of the Automobile Club, announced yesterday that all cars participating in the run would meet on Franklin Street, opposite the Jefferson Hotel, on Saturday at 5 A. M. From that point they will be dispatched at five-minute intervals by Dr. H. W. Bassett, chairman of the touring board of the club, who will be in charge of the run. All members of the local club are requested by President Nichols to join in the trip, and automobilists not members are also invited to participate. Those who expect to be requested to notify Secretary Otis M. Alfriend at once at his office in the Mutual Building.

The touring party will reach Charlottesville in time for the monster good roads meeting to be held Saturday afternoon, at which time Senator Martin, Judge Mann and a number of other public men are expected to deliver addresses. The Richmond cars will return on Sunday.